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Animal Liberation: The Definitive Classic of the Animal Movement

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concern for the well-being of pigs may require no more than that we leave them with other pigs in a place where there is adequate food and room to run freely.

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the taking into account of the interests of the being, whatever those interests may be—must, according to the principle of equality, be extended to all beings, black or white, masculine or feminine, human or nonhuman.

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The question is not, Can they reason? nor Can they talk? but, Can they suffer?

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If a being suffers there can be no moral justification for refusing to take that suffering into consideration.

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This study showed that it was possible to induce a state of hopelessness and despair by repeated administration of severe inescapable shock.

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despite the suffering the animals have gone through, the results obtained, even as reported by the experimenters themselves, are trivial, obvious, or meaningless.

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many of the experiments that are performed on rats can only be explained by assuming that the experimenters really are interested in the behavior of the rat for its own sake, without any thought of learning anything about humans.

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either the animal is not like us, in which case there is no reason for performing the experiment; or else the animal is like us, in which case we ought not to perform on the animal an experiment that would be considered outrageous if performed on one of us.

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just as a rat can be conditioned to press a lever in return for a reward of food, so a human being can be conditioned by professional rewards to ignore the ethical issues raised by animal experiments.

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When we go more deeply into the subject, however, we find that what appears trivial on the surface very often really is trivial.

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animal experimentation often actually hinders the advance of our understanding of diseases in humans and their cure.

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There is nothing sacred about the right to pursue knowledge.

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“cruelty is acknowledged only where profitability ceases.”

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take responsibility for our own lives, and make them as free of cruelty as we can.

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If we are prepared to take the life of another being merely in order to satisfy our taste for a particular type of food, then that being is no more than a means to our end.

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It is not practically possible to rear animals for food on a large scale without inflicting considerable suffering.

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traditional farming involves castration, separation of mother and young, breaking up social groups, branding, transportation to the slaughterhouse, and finally slaughter itself.

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The flesh of animals reared and killed with equal consideration for the welfare of animals while they were alive would be a delicacy available only to the rich.

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the fact is that the meat available from butchers and supermarkets comes from animals who were not treated with any real consideration at all while being reared.

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Is it right to eat this meat?

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Becoming a vegetarian is a highly practical and effective step one can take toward ending both the killing of nonhuman animals and the infliction of suffering upon them.

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Vegetarianism is a form of boycott.

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the aim of the boycott is not to alter the past but to prevent the continuation of the conditions to which we object.

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In the case of vegetarianism, however, I believe we do achieve something by our individual acts, even if the boycott as a whole should not succeed.

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If instead of killing the animals and eating their flesh we use them to provide us with milk or eggs we improve our return considerably.

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Nevertheless the animals must still use protein for their own purposes and the most efficient forms of egg and milk production do not yield more than a quarter of the protein per acre that can be provided by plant foods.

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the food wasted by animal production in the affluent nations would be sufficient, if properly distributed, to end both hunger and malnutrition throughout the world.

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the moral necessity of refusing to buy or eat the flesh or other products of animals who have been reared in modern factory farm conditions. This is the clearest case of all, the absolute minimum that anyone with the capacity to look beyond considerations of narrow self-interest should be able to accept.

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the only legitimate boundary to our concern for the interests of other beings is the point at which it is no longer accurate to say that the other being has interests.

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If a being is not capable of suffering, or of enjoyment, there is nothing to take into account.

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Fish and reptiles show most of the pain behavior that mammals do.

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We take from the earth food that is ready for us and does not fight against us as we take it.

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When an attitude is so deeply ingrained in our thought that we take it as an unquestioned truth, a serious and consistent challenge to that attitude runs the risk of ridicule.

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one of the advantages of being a “reasonable creature” is that one can find a reason for whatever one wants to do.

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rather than having one unified attitude to animals, the child has two conflicting attitudes that coexist, carefully segregated so that the inherent contradiction between them rarely causes trouble.

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What about the animals we eat? One response to this problem is simple evasion.

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give children picture books and stories that encourage respect for animals as independent beings, and not as cute little objects that exist for our amusement and table;

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nonvegetarian parents are going to be reluctant to let their children learn the full story, for fear that the child's affection for animals may disrupt family meals.

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Ignorance, then, is the speciesist's first line of defense.

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"Don't tell me, you'll spoil my dinner"

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It takes no more time to be a vegetarian than to eat animal flesh.

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once we give up our claim to "dominion" over the other species we should stop interfering with them at all.

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it is conceivable that human interference will improve the conditions of animals, and so be justifiable.

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Judging by our past record, any attempt to change ecological systems on a large scale is going to do far more harm than good.
